

Siddhartha





Siddhartha grew up near the riverbank where boats were located. On the mango grove Siddhartha always remembered how his mom sang to him. Siddhartha practiced discussions and priest stuff with his best friend Govinda. Govinda's future was to be a Brahman, he was scared of his future. Govinda wanted to follow Siddhartha because he knew his best friend wouldn't become a normal Brahman. Siddhartha has trouble looking for enlightenment and he had many questions about his future. Siddhartha tried to find enlightenment by doing sacrifices and trying to find Atman. One day Siddhartha and his friend Govinda went to the Banyan tree to meditate. They repeated the word Om "the vow, the arrow is the soul the Brahman is the arrow target."

Another day a group of Samanas passed by the place they were sitting on, and there Siddhartha decided being a Samana. He went to see his father and ask him permission for going to the Ascetics. His father being the Brahman of virtue, the most adored one, the one that taught all good virtues to his son, was very upset. But as a Brahman he had to be calm with his son. That night Siddhartha meditated all night and one hour before the sun rose up, his father talked to him. Siddhartha said "I will do what my father tells me." His father agreed to let him go. The next day Siddhartha asked Govinda if he wanted to come with him. Govinda told he wanted and the next day they left towards the ascetics.

With the
Samanas



"And all of this was not worthy of one look from his eye, it all pretended to be meaningful and joyful and beautiful, and it all was just concealed putrefaction."

This chapter starts with Siddhartha living very extremist. He had old clothes and he was very hungry. He didn't know the purpose of suffering so much and without reaching enlightenment. He talks to his friend Govinda and they reach an agreement. Siddhartha was going to leave but Govinda was going to live but Govinda was sad about that.

They went to talk with the older Samana, the leader. Siddhartha told the leader he was leaving. The leader was very angry but Siddhartha told him the things he learned and he left. He left to find his son and to reach enlightenment.



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Gotama

In the town of Savathi, Govinda and Siddhartha are in the search for Gotama, the exalted one. The next morning they went to see the exalted one and his teachings. Govinda was excited to get into the community of Gotama's disciples. But Siddhartha didn't want to follow that path because he doesn't find enlightenment through a teacher. Before going, Siddhartha talked with Gotama and gave advice to each other. Siddhartha couldn't find spiritual enlightenment, now he is going to find personal enlightenment. He is going to follow a different path.



AWAKENING

"When Siddhartha left the grove, where the Buddha, the perfected one, stayed behind, where Govinda stayed behind, then he felt that in this grove his past life also stayed behind and parted from him."

This chapter starts when Siddhartha lives his teaching. He stopped pondering and started walking again. He left all its teachers and the grove. Siddhartha didn't want to keep doing the thing his dad expected him to do. As he walks he started imagining about himself, he had lots of own feelings. He said that he didn't need any teacher, he wanted to teach him self and follow his own path.

Siddhartha opened his eye and saw the nature colors and magic. He thought that he would need to start a new live. He wanted to change, to have a better life and be a different person. Then he thought that he is nothing like he used to be before. Siddhartha felt that we was alone and no one was in his side. In the end he walked again without curse.



Kamala

Siddhartha, an ascetic who lived on the forest, he discovered many things by living there. He learned something new every day, he saw many nature elements he haven't seen before. He remembered everything he went through in his life as prince and he wanted to go to the city again. When he went to the city the first thing he saw was a lady, a beautiful lady. For that moment he felt the desire of love and wanted to learn about it.

The next day he went to Kamala, the beautiful lady he saw on the city. She taught him many things and they enjoyed the moment very much. She could just teach the upper class so she sends Siddhartha to work so that she could teach him. Kamala tried to help Siddhartha to get a job with Kamaswami because Siddhartha knows how to read and write.

"But what if I hadn't been willing"



With the childlike people.

Siddhartha went to the merchant's house, Kamaswami. When Siddhartha came in he told his story to Kamaswami. At first Kamaswami thought he was a destitute, but then she explain that he didn't have possessions and that he lived from the possession of others. Then explained how the teacher teaches, how the fisher gives fish and how the merchant merchandises. Then Kamaswami left the room.

Kamaswami returned with a piece of paper and a with a scroll and told him to read it out loud, and he did. Then the merchant asked him to write something in the piece of paper, he wrote "writing is good, thinking is better. Being smart is good, being patient is better. He asked Siddhartha to live with him for a day. He gave Siddhartha food, clean clothes and everything he needs. Every day they gave him all he wanted, a servant prepared baths for him and 2 times a day they gave him meals but he didn't eat nor drink anything. He left the house because he took part of the landlords business. Sometimes he visited kamala with nice shoes, nice clothes and gifts.

"You are the best lover, she said thoughtfully, I ever saw. You're stronger than others, more supple, more willing. You've learned my art well, Siddhartha. At some time, when I'll be older, I'd want to bear your child. And yet, my dear, you've remained a Samana, and yet you do not love me, you love nobody. Isn't so?"



Sansara

“He had been captured by the world, by lust, covetousness, sloth, and finally also by that vice which he had used to despise and mock the most as the most foolish one of all vices: greed. Property, possessions, and riches also had finally captured him; they were no longer a game and trifles to him, he had become a snare and a burden.”

Siddhartha had built a huge house by the river with a beautiful garden and was obsessed by his possessions. He was really loved by people; Siddhartha was very close to Kamala. One day he became grumpy and something changed inside his soul.

Siddhartha started to gamble and lost a lot of possessions that made him angry. He became an addict to gambling. One night he had a dream that Kamala owned a bird that died. Siddhartha grabbed it and threw it to the street. Since that dream he felt sad and discovered that it meant he had to carry on in his way to Enlightenment. He disappeared for a long time. When Kamala heard this she went to her window and let a captive bird she had go free. Then she knew she was pregnant from Siddhartha. That meant that the dead bird in the dream was Siddhartha's dead soul, Kamala wasn't upset because she let the bird go free, so Siddhartha's soul was re-born.



By the river

Siddhartha was crossing the forest and he was ashamed of what he was like now. He was living hid among people because he started to be a lover. With all this misery he thought the only solution to stop suffering was to drown. A songbird in Siddhartha's dreams made him think that his inner essence died. Because how he had lost all his values. He was living a life of sin and excess and has become arrogant.

He wanted to fall down the water. But when he saw his reflection and said the word om. He had a kind of awakening and the feeling of suicide disappeared. The main setting of these events is in a river. He started to think that destroying his body was not the solution because his soul will still be there he is reborn into a new life. Now he was not the same person in samsara. He changed and the word om made him find peace.

The Ferryman



The ferryman Vasuveda was a man that lived by a river. He guide people to a river that was full of secrets and people thought it was a magic river. The river helped the ferryman to be a good listener. One day Siddhartha came to the river searching for enlightenment. Siddhartha was very thankfull with the ferryman because he guided him to the river and Siddhartha discovered new things. Hours later they realized they have seen each other another time. Then the ferryman remembered they have seen each other 20 years ago, that was the last time Siddhartha visited the river and Vasuveda was the same ferryman that guide him to the river.

They spend more time together that day. Vasuveda knew Siddhartha was lost without enlightenment so he wanted to give him some help. The ferryman asked Siddhartha if he wanted to stay with him and he would give him food, and that he could sleep in the bed were his wife used to sleep but now she is dead. Years passed and they were fine and stable, they always layed down next to the river to listen to it and Siddhartha could reborn his life and soul now. At that time Gotama was dying and everybody was going to see him. Kamala came were Siddhartha and Vasuveda was sit on. She was sitting on a forest with his son. His son heard pain screaming of his mother, and she was laid on the ground with a snake bite. His son brought her mom to the ferryman's house and they tried to cure her but it was too late. Kamala reveled the son she had was Siddhartha's son too. She died and Vasuveda's purposed to buried Kamala next to his wife in the mountain and that's what they did

The Son



"Slowly, he also saw and understood that the eleven-year old was a pampered boy, a mother's boy, and that he had grown up in the habits of rich people, accustomed to finer food, to a soft bed, accustomed to giving orders to servants"

Kamala has passed away and young Siddhartha was very depressed about it. Young Siddhartha sat in death hill. Siddhartha was talking with the ferryman about how depressed he was that his son didn't want to live with him. Siddhartha said the reason why young Siddhartha didn't want to live with him was because young Siddhartha he was used to live in wealthy cloths and palaces and he would never get used to live without that. Were Siddhartha live was a very poor place he didn't had any servants or food sometimes.

One day Siddhartha order to his son to get brushwood and he denied. Siddhartha the younger, he knows that his father would not punish him and he continue being mean to his father. He said all kind of things like Siddhartha isn't his father. Siddhartha let pass this and went to sleep. On the morning they discovered that young Siddhartha had escaped to the city in the ferryman boat Siddhartha try to follow him but on the way he understand that his son will never make him happy and he had to let him go, and so he did.



Om

Siddhartha has a wound in his heart because his son left him. When he was young he also left his father. In the river he started to notice that the river was laughing at Siddhartha. Vasudeva, the enlightened ferryman, watched Siddhartha's life at the river with unstoppable flow. Siddhartha then understood that his life is unstoppable and there would be ups and downs. But you just have to move on. When Vasudeva sees that Siddhartha finally understands, he leaves him at the river.



GOVINDA

Govinda was with monks who were going in a pilgrimage, Govinda wanted to cross a river that was on the way. To cross it they went in a ferry. The ferryman asked Govinda if she was considered a searcher of a venerable, she answered that she was one. The ferryman told her that if she searched too much his eyes will only see what she is searching for. Govinda recognized who was the ferryman, he was Siddhartha.

Siddhartha started talking with Govinda, his old friend. Then Siddhartha told Govinda "Wisdom can not be passed on, only knowledge can be" he also told him that the world will be perfect or it is perfect. Siddhartha told Govinda that a stone could be everything, it could change forms, Siddhartha asked Govinda to kiss his forehead. When he did Govinda saw all his reincarnations and found enlightenment.